

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Divisional Patent Application.
New Claims 9-36 are submitted to claim additional subject matter disclosed in the application.
New matter is not added.

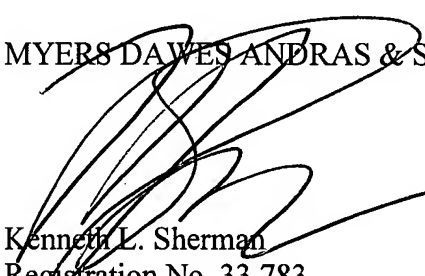
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that telephone interview will help further the prosecution of
this case, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed
telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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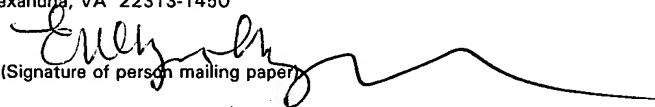

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please replace Page 17, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

Read DHCPDB() is the workhorse of GENIP, handling the setup and execution of DHPCMD as well [a] as reading the resultant output therefrom, reading the same into the “current” database, comparing with the “previous” database, and then writing a new “output” database for the clients.

Please replace Page 27, lines 21-30 with the following amended paragraph:

Each source-like capability has a complementing sink-like capability that is compatible with it. For example, the outputting video capability of one home device is complemented by the accepting video capability of a second home device. Each capability is associated with a certain set of data specifications. For example, when a DVCR outputs a video signal, the video signal is broadcast on a particular stream [of the] over the home network. The stream number and other information about the signal form part of the DVCR's (outputting home device) data specification message. Therefore, in one embodiment, to execute a session, a first home device (outputting home device) communicates a data specification message to a second home device (accepting home device) via the session manager.